

Gloving, Tom Giles, & perhaps Henry
Carter after a while. Mr Eastwille
went to Alexandria to borrow
money to buy Aubrey out, & this even-
ing I heard they had quarreled, & Mr
Eastwille was thrown out of business.
Therefore I guess Aubrey will not move
to Greenville.

I am glad you like the Virginians.
As you are both from the same state
you will be company for ^{each other}. Tell son
if you think his boarding house will
suit you better, you will be justifiable
in making the change; & since you say
the gentleman is nice, & quiet, it will
be great satisfaction to know, you are
with people of that kind. What
has become of Mr O'Brien?

Your idea about getting in a office,
seems a good ^{one}, but if you should have
the luck to get in one, I hope you will
come creaser home. Your appetite
keeps good, have you improved
in weight? I heard Jon Clarkson
was going to West Va, today to marry

Massie Mill, Va.
Oct 16th, 1894.

My dear son:

Your anxiously
expected letter of the 13th, came tonight.
I think I do not get your letters
earlier, because the mail carrier does
not wait for the late train.

In regard to the vote, I am much
releived. But I think democrats, are
wrong, to encourage the young in
such an action.

Son, I am glad you do not get ches-
in Georgia. I would be uneasy about
I do not think you digest chestnuts in
the green state, very well. Do you remem-
ber, they made you sick in Charlottesville.
But I am going to save some for
you when you come home. Do you
remember an old man in the moun-
tain, by the name of Campbell, who

is famous for shaking chestnuts
trees? He fell out of a tree last Friday
& was killed instantly. He was said to
be seventy years old. - had children, &
many grand children to mourn his
sad death. Lem, Mary, & her mother,
came to see me last Thursday, & spent
the day. I like Mrs Houser very much.
Mary's health is improving very slowly.
She is not able to nurse her baby, & Mrs
Houser wants to take it home with her.
Lem has an idea of renting his farm
out, & going in the valley.

Buffon left this morning for
Rock, Wash, to deliver three sets of springs.
A long way for such few, but he is
obliged to wait until it suits the people
to pay for them. No Elms did not
get the least ^{angry} about your slur on our
boys, but said tell you, "Telegraph op-
erators was not much thought of
in his country". He has been playing
the harp, & has fallen asleep. Your
Pa has suffered a good deal with

Rheumatism to day, but is better
tonight. Maria has a slight cold, &
I have just put them to bed, & am
writing all alone. A protracted
meeting is going at Rose's Union, &
several of the villagers, have gone on
tonight. He had a real killing frost
Monday Sunday night. I think the
farmers had cut nearly all the to-
bacco. I have not heard anything
about Joe Groves, & Mallie getting
married for a long time.

Henry, & Rose moved in the village
last Thursday. They occupy the rooms
over cousin Jake, but expect to move
in the house next to Dr Drummond,
as soon as it is repaired. Rose has
a real pretty baby - Henry has named
her Arvita. A fancy name he
heard in Richmond. Henry is very
comfortably fixed considering the
short time he has been married. He
has hired a girl for Rose, & she has
three boarders, - Pat Carter Houston,

Miss Shenowith. And it is also reported
 that Mattie Clarkson will marry Miss
 Shenowith's brother, before very long.
 I mean "Pet" Clarkson. People seem to
 be dropping her nick name, & call
 her Mattie.

I sent the "Lager" this morning.
 I think the reading matter better than
 it used to be. I wish I could get
 the "Nelson Examiner" sometimes, I
 would send it to you, but have not
 seen a copy since you left. I must
 stop writing, as it is bed time. I had
 to get up very early this morning to
 give Buffon, & early start. I will
 finish writing tomorrow morn-
 ing.

Wednesday Br. No.

He are all as
 well as usual this morning. How
 how are your clothes holding out.
 I suppose you will not need your

flannel shirts, while in Georgia
unless you stay longer than you
expect. Your uncle Robert's fam-
ily, send love to you, they inquire
after you every week. Your uncle
Robert is sowing wheat on Loomis
farm, & may rent all of it, if they
can agree about the fence.

I must stop writing now
as it will soon be time for the
mail. Take good care of your
self. When I hear you are well, & get-
ting along smoothly I can make out.
The Lord has been merciful, to bless
you with health, & I hope you will ever
strive to live within the shadow of
His wings. Write soon to,

Your devoted mother,
S. J. Mochone.

Masses Mill, Va.
Oct-16th/1897.

Dear son:

I send The Ledger,
& a short-note, to let you know
we are all well, except your Pa,
He has been suffering with
Rheumatism since yesterday,
Sunday was a cold windy day
& he staid out in the wind too
long. He will have to remain
indoors ^{today}, I hope he will be all
right-tomorrow. No news of
importance, Hope to get a letter
from you tonight, - though it
may be wednesday before I get
it, - Write soon I Love from
all the family. Many ardent
wishes for your success, & happi-
ness, Your devoted mother,
S. J. Mahone.